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Women Labour
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the overall participation of women in the labour force remains low in the country especially in rural areas;
(b) if so, the State/UT-wise data on the participation of women in the labour force in the country;
(c) whether the Government has prepared or proposes to prepare any programme/scheme to enhance employment opportunities for the women in the country;
(d) if so, the details thereof including funds allocated, released and utilized for the said purpose during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise including Kerala; and
(e) the details of the provisions made by the Government to ensure the promotion of childcare services, state-sponsored crÃ¨ches and community centres for working mothers in both rural and urban areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a) & (b): As per the results of three most recent surveys on employment and unemployment conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) of women in rural area on usual status basis is given below:

Period Labour Force Participation Rate (in %)
Rural Male Rural Female Urban Male Urban Female
2004-05 55.5 33.3 57.0 17.8
2009-10 55.6 26.5 55.9 14.6
2011-12 55.3 25.3 56.3 15.5

State-wise details of labour force participation rate for women is at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): Government has taken various steps for generating employment in the country including Kerala like encouraging private sector of economy, fast tracking various projects involving substantial investment and increasing public expenditure on schemes like Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) run by Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA), Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) scheme run by Ministry of Rural Development and National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM) run by Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation
The State-wise details of funds released during 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 for these schemes are given at Annexure-II, Annexure-III, Annexure-IV and Annexure-V.

(e): The Ministry of Women & Child Development is implementing the schemes for childcare and working women like the Rajiv Gandhi National CrÃ¨che Scheme (RGNCS) for the children of working mothers which provide day care facilities to children of working mothers. The scheme is presently being implemented throughout the country through Central Social Welfare Board (CSWB) and India Council for Child Welfare (ICCW), another Scheme of 'Working Women Hostel' provides financial assistance to State Government agencies, Urban Municipal Bodies including Cantonment Boards, Panchayati Raj Institutions, Self Help Groups, Recognized Colleges/ Universities, Civil Society Organisations and Corporate Houses for construction of hostels for working women or running of working women hostels in rented premises. As per the Scheme guidelines, States/ UTs are required to undertake need assessment for working women hostels and recommend proposals for sanction of grants.

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